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[Reports to the Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service.]

PLAGUE REPORTED AT NEW YORK QUARANTINE.

NOVEMBER 18, 1899.

Information having been received of the arrival at New York quarantine of the British steamship *J. R. Taylor*, from Santos, Brazil, November 17, with a suspected plague case on board, P. A. Surg. H. D. Geddings was directed to proceed to New York quarantine to investigate and report upon the case. The following telegrams have been received from him :

NOVEMBER 26, 1899.

Having completed my inspection and satisfied myself of efficiency of measures and safety of situation, I await your further instructions at New York quarantine.

GEDDINGS.

NOVEMBER 27, 1899.

Everything progressing well. Another Santos coffee ship arrived to-day. Cargo will be discharged and disinfected in quarantine.

GEDDINGS.

NOVEMBER 29, 1899.

Situation thoroughly well in hand and every point covered. Assure you no danger. Letter follows.

GEDDINGS.

Yellow fever in Key West, Fla., and other places.

[Continued from last PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.]

FLORIDA.

Key West.—November 24, Surgeon Murray reports no more cases of fever.

Miami.—November 24, Passed Assistant Surgeon Stimpson reports as follows: Von Ezdorf has completed the disinfection of the hospital and

has moved to camp. Health Officer Porter raises quarantine from Key West to-day—baggage and household goods to be sterilized before shipment.

Port Tampa City.—Assistant Surgeon Trotter reports as follows:

November 25, 1899.—I beg to respectfully submit the following report upon the yellow fever situation at Port Tampa City for the week ended November 25, 1899: The 3 cases of yellow fever which were seen by Surgeon Carter and diagnosed as such by him have fully recovered, and are now working at their usual occupations. The above cases developed about November 7, since which date there have been no other cases reported. Under the supervision of Acting Assistant Surgeon Altru, Marine-Hospital Service, all the houses in Port Tampa City in which there have been any cases of fever during the past summer have been thoroughly cleaned and disinfected. I have been informed by Dr. Nudon, agent of the State board of health, that the quarantine of Port Tampa and Port Tampa City will be removed on Tuesday, November 28.

November 28, he reports that the quarantine against Port Tampa and Port Tampa City was removed last night.

Yellow fever in the United States as reported to the Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service from August 31 to December 1, 1899.

Places.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.
Florida:			
Key West.....	Aug. 31-Sept. 30....	859	46
	Oct. 1-Oct. 31.....	432	20
	Nov. 1.....	1	.....
	Nov. 2.....	3	.....
	Nov. 3.....	2	.....
	Nov. 4.....	2	.....
	Nov. 5.....	6	.....
	Nov. 6.....	3	.....
	Nov. 7.....	0	.....
	Nov. 8.....	1	.....
	Nov. 9.....	2	.....
	Nov. 10.....	2	.....
	Nov. 11.....	1	.....
	Nov. 16.....	0	1
	Nov. 18.....	1	1
	Nov. 19.....	2	0
	Nov. 20.....	0	.....
	Sept. 5-Sept. 22....	2	1
	Oct. 19-Oct. 31....	45	2
	Nov. 1.....	8	.....
Miami.....	Nov. 2.....	2	.....
	Nov. 3.....	7	.....
	Nov. 4.....	7	1
	Nov. 5.....	2	.....
	Nov. 6.....	1	.....
	Nov. 7.....	8	.....
	Nov. 8.....	8	.....
	Nov. 9.....	.....	2
	Nov. 10.....	.....	2
	Nov. 11.....	4	.....
	Nov. 12.....	5	.....
	Nov. 13.....	1	.....
	Nov. 14.....	8	.....
	Nov. 15.....	1	.....
	Nov. 16.....	2	.....
	Nov. 17.....	2	2
	Nov. 18.....	2	.....
	Nov. 19.....	3	.....
	Nov. 22.....	15	.....
Port Tampa City.....	Sept. 4-Nov. 16....	10	1
Louisiana:			
New Orleans.....	Aug. 27-Sept. 30....	31	7
	Oct. 2-Oct. 31.....	73	9
	Nov. 3.....	4	2
	Nov. 4.....	1	.....
	Nov. 6.....	3	1
	Nov. 10.....	1	1